
JANUARY 16, 1829.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HAMILTON, from the Committee on Retrenchment, to which the subject had been referred, reported the following bill :

A BILL

Directing the mode of printing and distributing the acts of Congress, and other public documents.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Re-
4 presentatives shall, at the termination of each session of Con-
5 gress, in one or more newspapers published at Washington,
6 invite sealed proposals for printing the usual number of co-
7 pies of the acts of the preceding session of Congress, and
8 public treaties ; and, at the end of twenty days from the date
9 of the first publication for proposals, the said Secretary of
10 the Senate and Clerk shall open the several bids for printing
11 and binding, and shall assign the same to the lowest bidder
12 or bidders, and shall take from him or them, as the case may
13 be, bond and good security, payable to the United States, in a
14 penalty equal to the amount to be paid by the United States,
15 conditioned for the faithful compliance with the terms of the

16 contract to be specified in said bond, which bond they shall
17 forthwith lodge in the office of the Secretary of State, whose
18 duty it shall be to cause to be printed, under said contract,
19 the number of copies specified in said contract, and to be dis-
20 tributed, in the proportions as heretofore directed by law,
21 through the Post Office Department, free of postage; all oth-
22 er public documents directed by law to be distributed shall,
23 in like manner, be sent through the Post Office Department.